

Little Compton School Committee Minutes

February 11, 2009

Present: J. Quinn, L. Brousseau Lebreux, M. Shapiro, D. Gomez, M. Harrington, Dr. Devine-Superintendent, James Gibney, Principal and others.

I. Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm in the Wilbur/McMahon School Commons.

II. Executive Session – RIGL 42-46-5(2)- Collective Bargaining, Litigation. On a motion made by M. Harrington, seconded by M. Shapiro it was unanimously voted to approve sealing the minutes of the executive session. On a motion made by M. Harrington, seconded by M. Shapiro it was unanimously voted to leave executive session.

III. Public Input: None

IV. Consent Agenda: On a motion made by J. Quinn, seconded by L. Lebreux it was unanimously voted to approve the consent agenda.

V. a. Spotlight on Excellence: Math games, Grade 2 presented by the principal. The second grade students performed a math game for the committee.

b. Superintendent Report: Discussed the following:

- School Committee Retreat**
- Facilities Committee Special Meeting. On a motion made by D. Gomez, seconded by J. Quinn it was unanimously voted to hold a meeting at 7 pm on March 5, 2009.**
- Budget Developments. On a motion made by M. Harrington, seconded by M. Shapiro it was unanimously voted to hold a meeting**

at 6 pm on March 5, 2009.

- **Budget Calendar.** A revised calendar was distributed.
- **Title I Position.** Recommendation of Stephanie Harlow and Ashley Fontaine will be the new Title I math teachers after the February vacation. They will officially be appointed at the March school committee meeting.

c. **Principal's Report:** No pressing items at this time.

VI. Personnel Matters: On a motion made by J. Quinn, seconded by M. Harrington it was unanimously voted to accept the resignation of Carol Belair, Thomas Fennessey, Christine Kirchner and David MacGregor with deepest regret.

On a motion made by M. Harrington, seconded by D. Gomez it was unanimously voted to take action of a reduction of work force. Carol Belair is the employee representative and agreed to an open meeting. Superintendent provided a report and recommendations for a reduction of work force. Employees were given written notice. On a motion made by D. Gomez, seconded by J. Quinn it was unanimously voted to have the Chairman of the school committee give written notice before March 1, 2009 to the following employees that they would be terminated at the end of the 2008-09 school year: Madeleine Panaggio, Michael Tomasso, Kimberly Nickles, Gabrielle Sullivan, Jennifer Morin. On a motion made by L. Lebrux, seconded by M. Shapiro it was unanimously voted to end the public hearing.

VII. Action Items

a. Chairman Harrington made a motion to approve the preliminary budget for the 2009-10 school year of \$6,726,705. The motion was seconded by L. Lebreux. J. Quinn made a motion to reduce the preliminary budget by \$209,224. The motion was seconded by D. Gomez. Following a discussion, a vote on the amendment failed to carry on a 4-1 vote with J. Quinn voting aye and D. Gomez, L. Lebruex, M. Shapiro and Chairman Harrington voting nay. On the original motion the vote was 4-1 for approval with Chairman Harrington, L. Lebruex, D. Gomez, M. Shapiro voting aye and J. Quinn voting nay.

b. On a motion made by M. Harrington, seconded by M. Shapiro it was unanimously voted to increase the stipend for tutors to \$45.00 per hour as recommended by the superintendent.

c. On a motion made by D. Gomez, seconded by M. Harrington it was unanimously voted to approve the background check policy. On a motion by M. Harrington, seconded by M. Shapiro it was voted 4-1 to approve the school committee meeting agenda policy with Chairman Harrington, L. Lebruex, D. Gomez and M. Shapiro voting aye and J. Quinn voting nay.

d. On a motion made by M. Harrington, seconded by M. Shapiro it was unanimously voted to approve the budget calendar.

VIII. Discussion Items:

a. A discussion pertaining to the NECAP scores was presented by Mr. Gibney.

b. A discussion pertaining a Summer Success Program was presented by J. Quinn.

IX. On a motion made by L. Lebruex, seconded by M. Harrington it was unanimously voted to Adjourn at 9:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Sylvia

Secretary to the School Committee